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In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including August 28, 2006. Applicants note that August 27, 2006 was a Sunday and that Monday, August 28, 2006 was the first business day following Sunday, August 27, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for the fee associated with the extension of time is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit

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